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JIM BOHANNON: Quite a story in the Detroit "News" today.

The White House aides and Defense Secretary Harold Brown are looking for some way -- a face-saving way -- to fire Admiral Stansfield Turner as the CIA Director.

We have now on the Live-Line the Detroit "News" Washington Bureau Chief, Al Blanchard.

Good afternoon, Mr. Blanchard.

ALLAN E. BLANCHARD: Howdy.

BOHANNON: Tell us, if you will, how reliable you deem this information to be.

BLANCHARD: Well, our Colonel ^{Heinl}~~Himmel~~ (?) is -- is as good sources are. He's in on military matters and national security matters, and, as my understanding, he has doubled-sourced this one.

He was the reporter who broke the story about the appointment of Mr. Callucci to the Deputy position out at the CIA about a week before it got into Washington. I suspect his sources in -- in this regard as reliable as that one was.

BOHANNON: I understand that Secretary of Defense Harold Brown is the -- the main person out to get Mr. Turner out of that position, but not the only one.

Who else does your story say is involved?

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BLANCHARD: I don't think he -- he necessarily pinpoints Secretary Brown in this regard. I -- he's talking -- in the story, he talks about tacit support from Secretary Vance and -- and also from National Security Adviser Brzezinski.

BOHANNON: And what reasons are given in your story for their desire to remove Mr. Turner?

BLANCHARD: Colonel Hinnel says in the story that -- that the reasoning behind this the turmoil that is current in the CIA and reported quite -- quite widely in the Washington press.

BOHANNON: All right. Thank you very much, sir.

BLANCHARD: You're welcome.

BOHANNON: That's the Bureau Chief here in Washington for the Detroit "News," Mr. Al Blanchard, with word that the Detroit "news" says today that the White House is trying to get rid of Admiral Stansfield Turner as CIA Director.

The "News" goes on to say that one of the problems is that Turner was trying to take over control of the Defense Department's Intelligence operations, and that Mr. Brown, the -- the Defense Secretary Brown is not happy with the idea.

Reportedly, the "News" says that Turner's agreed to leave the job quietly, but he'd have to be guaranteed another high position in the Pentagon.

And to that demand, the "News" quotes Brown as saying, "I will not have Turner in this building in any job," unquote.

The Detroit "News" also says the White House wants a diplomatic solution to the problem because they don't want Mr. Carter facing another Bert Lance or Ted Sorrenson type of personnel embarrassment.